

Army Begins 45-Day Comment Period on Draft Environmental Impact Statement

PUBLIC REVIEW

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available for review during this 45-day comment period:

**Friday, March 27, 1998 through
Monday, May 11, 1998**

Written comments on the EIS must
be postmarked by:
May 11, 1998

and submitted directly to:

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On March 27, 1998 the Army opened a 45-day public comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to pilot test chemical neutralization, followed by biotreatment of the by-product, as a potential disposal technology for the bulk mustard agent HD stored at Edgewood Chemical Activity, Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG).

The Draft EIS examines the potential human health and environmental impacts of the construction and operation of a full-scale pilot facility at Aberdeen.

It concludes that the pilot testing of the neutralization (hydrolysis) process followed by biotreatment of mustard in bulk storage containers can be conducted at APG in a safe and environmentally acceptable manner.

The Army has prepared the Draft EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, which is one of the environmental regulations the Army must adhere to before beginning construction activities at Aberdeen. The Final EIS will include responses to all comments received on the Draft EIS.

The report is available for review during this 45-day period at the **Aberdeen, Edgewood, Essex, Joppatowne, and Kent County Public Libraries; Miller Library at Washington College, and the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office**

or

you may request a copy of the report or obtain additional information by calling toll free at (800) 488-0648, or contacting Nancy Hoffman at the Edgewood Chemical Stockpile Community outreach Office at (410) 676-6800, or Kathy DeWeese, Army Public Affairs Officer, at (410) 671-5253.

